



#4 Torrey Pines Falcons (10-1)
vs. #2 Cathedral Catholic Dons (7-3)
Torrey Pines High School - December 23rd, 2019 - 8:00 pm



9 Facts to Know:

1. Torrey Pines has won eight straight, including two over top ten teams (SFC and Poway), while Cathedral Catholic has dropped two of their last three. Both losses came in Sacramento to talented Nor Cal programs Archbishop Mitty and Jesuit.
2. The two teams are both defending CIF San Diego champions. Torrey Pines was crowned the best team in San Diego on February 23, 2019 after claiming the Open Division title over Foothills Christian. The night before, Cathedral Catholic won the D1 title over Francis Parker.
3. This is the ninth time the Falcons and Dons have met in the last 15 years. The series is split at four games apiece. The last meeting was in the semi-finals of the West Hills Tournament in December 2013. The Falcons emerged victorious, 64-52, and were led by Sam Worman's 23 point, 9 rebound effort.
4. Tonight's Holiday Classic Tip-Off Night will be the fourth rendition. The Falcons are 1-2: Win over La Jolla Country Day in 2016, loss to St. Augustine in 2017 and a heartbreaking loss in double OT to Foothills Christian in last year's (2018) contest.
5. The Falcons will be playing in their fourth top ten matchup. Torrey Pines lost on the road at #5 Mater Dei Catholic, beat #7 Santa Fe Christian at home and beat #6 Poway on the road last Friday. This is the Dons' first top ten matchup of the season.
6. Three Falcons were perfect from the floor on Saturday against Rancho Buena Vista. Nick Herrmann (#1) was 1/1 from two and 1/1 from three. Off the bench, Dechaun Key (#24) copied that same line. Otto Landrum (#35) was 8/8, all from two.
7. With his nine rebounds in Saturday's win against Rancho Buena Vista, Brandon Angel (#21) moved up to sixth in career rebounds (since '03). Angel now has 443 in his career and needs 17 more to tie Trevor Newquist's 460.
8. Chris Howell (#5) has stuffed the stat sheet in the past two games. Friday night against Poway, he had 11 points, 7 assists, 6 rebounds and 4 steals. Less than 24 hours later, he followed that up with 10 points, 10 rebounds, 7 assists and 4 steals in only three quarters of gameplay in Saturday's big win over Rancho Buena Vista.
9. Torrey Pines' program as a whole is off to insane, historic start. The three-level combined record is 36-1: Varsity 10-1, JV 16-0 and Freshman 10-0. The only blemish on the season was Varsity's road loss to #5 Mater Dei Catholic.